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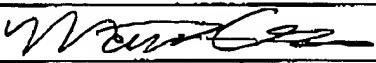
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Filing Date: August 2, 1999
Inventor(s): Bujard
Title: RECOMBINANTS PROCESS FOR PREPARING A
COMPLETE MALARIA ANTIGEN, GP190/MSP1
Attorney Docket No.: GRUE-003

Message: Copy of Our Response to Office Action dated
December 19, 2000 -- filed on January 19, 2001

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND NOTICE TO COMPLY AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT Address to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231	Attorney Docket	GRUE-003
	First Named Inventor	Bujard
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	Examiner Name	J. Grun
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2000, which set a one-month period for response, making this response due on or before January 19, 2001. Accordingly, this response is timely filed..

Restriction Requirement

In the Office Action dated December 19, 2000, the Examiner required election of one of the following groups of claims:

Group I, including claims 42-49 and 53-57, directed to a method of producing a protein;

Group II, including claims 50-52, directed to a method of producing a nucleotide sequencne;

Group III, including claims 58-69, 70-72, 73-78 and 81, directed to a group of related products (encoding nucleic acids, vectors comprising the nucleic acids, and host cells comprising the nucleic acids) sharing a technical feature (i.e., nucleic acids);

Group IV, including claim 80, directed to a given product (vaccine composition);

Group V, including claim 79, directed to a therapeutic method using a protein product; and

Group VI, including claim 82, directed to a method of stabilizing a gene sequence.